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FOR SCIATT ADDISON RICHMOND

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SUBJECT: JWGTRD - INFORMATION

1. WE UNDERSTAND KEY EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH ACTIVITIES JOINT GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION (JGSTI), GAMAL ASKAR, CENTRAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC MOBILISATION AND STATISTICS, MAY HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT INVOLVEMENT OF IBM PERSONNEL IN NON-MILITARY APPLICATIONS IBM TECHNOLOGY IN EGYPT. WE ARE CONSIDERING APPOINTING IBM OFFICIAL (HOMER SARASOHN, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING COMMUNICATIONS, IBM CORP.) AS MEMBER OF U.S. SIDE OF JGSTI. WOULD APPRECIATE SCIATT INFORMALLY ASCERTAINING WHETHER SARASOHN WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOE. IF SARASOHN NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO NAME BELL LABS OFFICIAL, K. W. LOWRY, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, AND THUS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ADVICE ON LOWRY.

2. L. G. BURCHINAL (NSF) WILL SERVE AS CO-CHAIRPERSON.
NAMES OF OTHER U.S. MEMBERS WILL BE PROVIDED PENDING EM-

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BASSY RESPONSE RE IBM'S SARASOHN.

3. PLEASE SEEK EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT ON DATES FOR FIRST MEETING OF JGSTI. U.S. PROPOSES ANY TIME NOVEMBER 2-12 FOR 2-3 DAY MEETING. E. PRONKO (NSF) PREPARED TO VISIT CAIRO WEEK

OF OCTOBER 17 TO DISCUSS JGSTI MEETING ORGANIZATION AND AGENDA, TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR JOINT GROUP, DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND REVIEW, AND CURRENT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES BY U.S. AND EGYPTIAN INSTITUTIONS. U.S. DRAFT PAPERS ON THESE MATTERS WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPTEMBER.

4. IF EGYPTIANS AGREE TO DATES FOR JGSTI MEETING, PLEASE TRY TO SECURE NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FIVE PERSONS AT EITHER MERIDIEN, SHERATON OR NILE HILTON IN THAT ORDER OF PREFERENCE. ALSO SECURE SIMILAR ACCOMMODATION FOR PRONKO FOR NIGHTS OF 17-21 OCTOBER.

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